# **Section 7** Wood Taxa Identification

# 7.1 Introduction

This project included an extensive effort at charcoal taxa analysis carried out by Gail Murakami of the International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc. The purpose of the analysis was to determine the taxa of the charcoal for two purposes: 1) to aid in the selection of charcoal samples for radio-carbon dating; and, 2) to inform regarding the plant species present in the environment to aid in a re-construction of the environment during pre-Contact times. This presentation briefly summarizes the rationale for the work, presents data from the few available prior studies in the immediate vicinity, presents a summary of the results, and then presents the detailed results by Test Excavation and specific provenience.

The particular import of this work for paleo-environmental reconstruction is addressed in a more detailed analysis in the Paleo-environmental Reconstruction Section of this study (where the results of charcoal taxa identification are taken into consideration along with the results of pollen analysis).

## 7.1.1 Charcoal Taxa Identification as an Aid to Selection of Samples for Radio-carbon Dating

The validity of previously reported carbon dates from Polynesian sites has been called into question by many authors with a call for greater "chronometric hygiene" (Spriggs and Anderson 1993). Subsequent re-dating of Polynesian sites has led to a consensus that the dates previously reported for many Polynesian sites from radio-carbon dating were erroneously early (Kirch and McCoy 2007:196)

There are many explanations for erroneously early dates (dating of "unacceptable materials", marine reservoir carbon uptake, natural burning of ancient tree roots, inadequate pre-treatment) but one re-current explanation has been with reference to an "old wood problem". The concern with the old wood problem is that wood from comparatively long-lived species and from relatively durability timber types can yield dates that are anomalously early by several centuries (reflecting when the long-lived, durable species lived rather than when the wood was burned (Anderson 1991:780-781) The work of Tom Dye (1998, 2000), in particular, has emphasized this as a problem in Hawai'i.

Hence one purpose of the charcoal taxa analysis was to weed out "old wood" by facilitating the identification of charcoal from relatively short lived Hawaiian species. Charcoal from long-lived Hawaiian species (such as koa, *Acacia koa*) would not be dated. Charcoal from exotic wood such as conifers (pine, fir) and temperate hard woods was not to be dated on the basis that such wood would either have been the result of the post-Contact importation of lumber or the result of the burning of driftwood, which is regarded as having a higher probability of being "old wood." By inference, wood charcoal samples found in the same provenience as exotic lumber was not dated as more likely to be post-Contact.

#### 7.1.2 Charcoal Taxa Identification as an Aid to Environmental Reconstruction

Environmental reconstruction can be undertaken <u>as if</u> the species present in charcoal were an indicator of the immediate environment. The general premise is that typically people will not carry wood to burn as fuel very far. Hence the concept is that typically the species indicated in charcoal taxa analysis grew within a kilometer or so of where the wood was burned. This may not always be so due to a variety of factors, which are explored in the Paleo-environmental Reconstruction Section of this study.

## 7.2 Methods

The freshly fractured transverse and tangential facets of each charcoal piece in the HHCTCP City Center samples were viewed under magnification of a dissecting microscope. Taxa identifications were made by comparing the anatomical characteristics seen during examination against those of known woods in the Pacific Islands Wood Collection at the Department of Botany, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, and published descriptions.

# 7.3 Prior Studies of Wood/Charcoal Identification Along the HHCTCP City Center Alignment

There have been relatively few prior studies of the botanical identification of wood samples previously reported from the immediate vicinity of the HHCTCO City Center Transit Alignment. Two of the more substantive studies are discussed below.

# 7.3.1 Kekaulike Revitalization Project Data Recovery (Riley et al. 1995)

As part of the Kekaulike Revitalization Project data recovery work (Riley et al. 1995, Appendix F Botanical Identification of Wood Samples) identification of four samples of uncharred wood was undertaken by Gail Murakami of the International Archaeological Research Institute, Inc. Identifications (Riley et al. 1995 Appendix F1) are summarized as follows:

Table 261. Taxa identification for the	Kekaulike Revitalization I	Project data recovery work
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Context	Taxa	Comment
Block C Units J6/J5 Layer Vii, Level 2 180 cmbd	Syzgium sp.	Analysis was not conclusive whether the Polynesian introduction <i>S. malaccense</i> ('ōhi'a 'ai') or the native <i>S. sandwicensis</i> was represented, appears to be 'ōhi'a 'ai'
Block C Unit D4, Layer V, Level 1, 120 cmbd	Rauvolfia sandwicensis (hao)	An endemic tree or shrub, 3-10 m tall
Block B Makai, Unit B2 "Under P", 158-163 cmbd	Pritchardia sp. (loulu)	Endemic palm, various uses (thatching, esp. for ceremonial houses, basket weaving, seeds were eaten, wood for battle spears)
Block B Units A1 and A2, pond wall, Layer V, level 3, 150 cmbd	Cordia subcordia (kou)	Polynesian introduction, a favorite shade tree (wood used for bowls platters utensils)

An attempt was made to compare the reported radiocarbon date proveniences from the Riley et al. (1995) data recovery study with the reported proveniences for the wood identifications but there appear to be no one-to-one correspondences and no effort was expended to interpolate dates as they may relate to the wood samples analyzed for taxa identification. Thus the time-frame represented by these wood samples is not clear. If indeed the *Syzgium* sp. is 'ōhi'a 'ai then that wood sample and the *kou* would need to post-date Polynesian arrival.

Athens and Ward (1994) carried out paleo-environmental investigations associated with the Riley et al. (1995) data recovery study that involved identification of one wood sample (*Diospyros* sp., probably *Diospyros sandwicensis* or *lama*). This sample was from a core and dated to 2330 +/- 60 (Athens and Ward 1994:14)) or well before human settlement. Because of the context it seems probable this *lama* plant lived in the future Kekaulike block prior to Polynesian arrival.

## 7.3.2 Kekaulike Diamond Head Block Data Recovery Goodwin and Allen 2005

The Goodwin and Allen (2005:445) data recovery work reports the identification of 34 taxa from 45 charcoal samples from a Kekaulike Diamond Head block project (SIHP 50-80-14-4875) in downtown Honolulu. Most of the taxa identified were also identified in the present study. Taxa identified in the Goodwin and Allen (2005:453) data recovery work that were not reported in the present study include:

- *Ilex anomala (kāwa 'u)*,
- Calophyllum inophyllum (kamani),
- Antidesma pulvinatum (hame),
- Acacia koa (koa),
- *Abutilon* sp. (*ma* '*o*),
- *Nestegis sandwicensis*,(olopua),
- Pandanus tectorus (hala),
- Canthium odoratum (alahe'e), and
- a variety of post-Contact species.

Environmental change is touched on (Goodwin and Allen 2005:16) but was not a research focus.

# 7.4 Results of Charcoal Taxa Analysis

A summary of charcoal taxa identified in the course of the HHCTCP City Center archaeological inventory survey is presented in the following Table 262. Subsequently, in Table 263, a detailed inventory of all taxa identified is presented by individual provenience in numeric order by test excavation number. A summary of taxa identified is then presented in order of botanical family (in standard botanical ordering) with a brief discussion of the taxa represented in each family along with the indicated preferred environment and traditional Hawaiian uses.

The results of charcoal taxa species identified are integrated with the pollen analysis results within a review of paeo-environmental reconstruction in Volume I of this study.

Table 262. Charcoal Taxa Identified

Taxon	Common/Hawaiian Name	Origin/ Habitat		
Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tree		
Artocarpus altilis	Ulu	Polynesian Introduction/Tree		
Bobea sp.	'Ahakea	Native/Tree		
Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub		
Chenopodium oahuense	ʻĀheahea, ʻāweoweo	Native/Shrub		
Cocos nucifera	Niu, coconut	Polynesian Introduction/Tree		
Coprosma sp.	Pilo	Native/Shrub-Tree		
Cordyline terminalis	Kī, ti	Polynesian Introduction/Shrub		
Diospyros sandwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree		
Dodonaea viscosa	'A'ali'i	Native/Shrub		
Hibiscus tiliaceus	Наи	Native/Shrub-Tree		
Lagenaria siceraria	Іри	Polynesian Introduction/Vine		
Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree		
Myoporum sandwicensis	Naio	Native/Tree		
Osteomeles anthyllidifolia	'Ulei	Native/Shrub		
Pittosporum sp.	Hōʻawa	Native/Tree		
Poaceae	Grass			
Pritchardia sp.	Loulu	Native/Tree		
Psychotria sp.	Kōpiko	Native/Tree		
Pteridophyta	Fern			
Rauvolfia sandwicensis	Нао	Native/Shrub-Tree		
Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions		
Sida fallax	'Ilima	Native/Shrub		
Styphelia tameiameaie	Pūkiawe	Native/Shrub		
Syzygium sp.	Mountain apple, roseapple, Java plum, 'ōhi'a ai	Native + Historic Introductions/Tree		
Wikstroemia sp.	ʻĀkia	Native/Shrub		

Table 263 Charcoal Taxa Identified Test Excavation Provenience

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
			Name				
T-20; Dillingham Blvd,	1223-1	Diospyros sandiwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree	Wood	8	5.07
west of intersection with	1223-2	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	2	1.23
Laumaka Street, Feature	1223-3	cf. Dodonaea viscosa	'A'ali'i	Native/Shrub	Wood	6	4.60
A, 235-250 cmbs,	1223-4	cf. Osteomeles anthyllidifolia	'Ulei	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	1.55
Stratum II	1223-5	cf. Pittosporum sp.	Hōʻawa	Native/Tree	Wood	4	3.22
T-020A; Kamehameha	1302-2	Styphelia tameiameaie	Pūkiawe	Native/Shrub	Wood	15	0.82
Highway, near	1302-3	cf. Dodonaea viscosa	'A'ali'i	Native/Shrub	Wood	19	2.42
intersection with	1302-4	cf. Osteomeles anthyllidifolia	'Ūlei	Native/Shrub	Wood	7	0.06
Laumaka Street, Sample							
1: 230-234 cmbs,							
Stratum II							
T-028	cf. Conifir	(in this one case analysis stopped	Pine, fir	Historic	Wood		
	after the id	entification of non-Hawaiian		Introduction/			
	wood)			Tree			
T-075; Dillingham	1302-5	cf. Myoporum sandwicensis	Naio	Native/Tree	Wood	3	0.23
Boulevard, west of	1302-6	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa	Native/Tree	Wood	3	0.33
Alakawa Street, Sample			lehua				
2: 168-195 cmbs,	1302-7	Not identified			cf.	1	0.01
Stratum IIb					Pith		
	1302-8	Conifer	Pine, fir,	Historic	Wood	1	< 0.01
			etc.	Introduction/			
				Tree			

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-078; Dillingham Boulevard, east of	1302-9	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	3	0.11
Alakawa Street	1302-10	cf. Cocos nucifera	Niu, coconut	Native/Tree	Wood	2	0.02
	1302-11	Conifer	Pine, fir, etc.	Historic Introduction/ Tree	Wood	1	<0.01
T-119A; Halekauwila Street, between	1302-12	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions	Wood	2	0.03
Punchbowl and Mililani	1302-13	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	2	0.09
Streets, Sample 4: 80- 93 cmbs, Stratum IIa	1302-14	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Nut- shell	1	0.08
	1302-15	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	7	0.27
T-119A; Halekauwila	1302-16	Unknown 1			Wood	1	0.05
Street, between Punchbowl and Mililani	1302-17	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions	Wood	3	0.05
Streets, Sample 5: 125-	1302-18	cf. Psychotria sp.	Kōpiko	Native/Tree	Wood	3	0.22
150 cmbs, Stratum	1302-19	Unknown 2			Stem	1	0.05
IIa/IIb	1302-20	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	1	0.04
	1302-21	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Nut- shell	1	0.03

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-119A; Sample 5: 125- 150 cmbs, Stratum IIa/IIb	1302-22	cf. Lagenaria siceraria	Іри	Polynesian Introduction/ Vine	Fruit rind	1	<0.01
(cont.)	1302-23	Chenopodium oahuense	ʻĀheahea, ʻāweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	<0.01
	1302-24	cf. Syzygium sp.	Mountain apple, roseapple, Java plum, 'ōhi'a ai	Native + Historic Introductions/ Tree	Wood	1	0.02
T-120; Halekauwila Street, west of	1228-1	Aleurites moluccana			Nut- shell	11	0.32
Punchbowl Street intersection, Sample 1:	1228-2	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Наи	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	2	
Feature C, 112-126 cmbs, Stratum II	1228-3	Monocot			Stem ?	9	
	1228-4	cf. Wikstroemia sp.	'Ākia	Native/Shrub	Wood	3	
	1228-5				Wood	13	
	1228-6				Wood	10	
	1228-7				Wood	2	
	1228-8	Sida fallax	ʻIlima	Native/Shrub	Wood	9	0.17
	1228-9	cf. Osteomeles anthyllidifolia	ʻŪlei	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	
	1228-10	cf. Pritchardia sp.	Loulu	Native/Tree	Wood	8	
	1228-11	Chenopodium oahuense	'Aheahea, 'aweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	6	0.12

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-120; Sample 1:	1228-12	cf. Lagenaria siceraria	ipu	Polynesian	Fruit	1	< 0.01
Feature C, 112-126				introduction/	rind		
cmbs, Stratum II				vine			
(cont.)	1228-13	cf. Coprosma sp.	Pilo	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	1	
	1228-14	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	2	
	1228-15	cf. Bobea sp.	'Ahakea	Native/Tree	Wood	3	
	1228-16				Wood	15	
	1228-17				Wood	3	
	1228-18				Wood	4	
T-120; Halekauwila	1228-19	[interesting stem]			Stem		
Street, west of	1228-20	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian	Nutsh	20	2.28
Punchbowl Street				Intro/Tree	ell		
intersection, Sample 2:	1228-21				Wood		
Feature D, 110-118	1228-22				Wood		
cmbs, Stratum II	1228-23	Not identified			Bark		
	1228-24	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	3	0.49
	1228-25	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood		
	1228-26				Wood		
	1228-27	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Наи	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood		
	1228-28				Wood		
	1228-29	cf. Sida fallax	ʻIlima	Native/Shrub	Wood	5	0.21
	1228-30				Wood		
	1228-31	cf. Coprosma sp.	Pilo	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood		

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-120; Halekauwila	1228-101	cf. Sida fallax	ʻIlima	Native/Shrub	Wood	4	0.44
Street, west of	1228-102				Wood		
Punchbowl Street	1228-103	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian	Nut-	17	1.04
intersection, Sample 3:			_	Intro./ Tree	shell		
Feature F, 104-107 cmbs, Stratum II	1228-104	Chenopodium oahuensis	Āheahea, 'āweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	0.04
	1228-105	cf. Dodonaea viscosa	'A 'ali'i	Native/Shrub	Wood	11	1.03
	1228-106				Wood		
	1228-107	cf. Pteridophyta	Fern		Stem		
	1228-108				Wood		
	1228-109				Wood		
	1228-110				Wood		
	1228-111				Wood		
	1228-112				Wood		
	1228-113				Wood		
T-120A; Halekauwila	1302-25	cf. Psychotria sp.	Kōpiko	Native/Tree	Wood	10	0.83
Street, between	1302-26	cf. Syzygium sp.	Mountain	Native +	Wood	3	0.22
Punchbowl and Mililani			apple,	Historic			
Streets Sample 6: 110-			roseapple,	Introductions/			
118 cmbs, Stratum II			Java plum,	Tree			
			ʻōhiʻa ai				
	1302-27	cf. Osteomeles anthyllidifolia	'Ūlei	Native/Shrub	Wood	5	0.53
	1302-28	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	7	0.63
	1302-29	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic	Wood	6	0.36
				Introductions/ Shrub-Tree			

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-120A; Sample 6: 110- 118 cmbs, Stratum II (cont.)	1302-30	cf. Artocarpus altilis	Ulu	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Wood	3	0.11
	1302-31	cf. Dodonaea viscosa	'A'ali'i	Native/Shrub	Wood	4	0.12
	1302-32	cf. Rauvolfia sandwicensis	Нао	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	4	0.16
	1302-33	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nutsh ell	3	0.08
	1302-35	cf. Coprosma sp.	Pilo	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	1	0.02
	1302-36	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	0.04
	1302-37	Unknown 3				1	0.02
	1302-38	Diospyros sandwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree	Wood	1	0.03
T-120A; Halekauwila	1302-39	cf. Psychotria sp.	Kōpiko	Native/Tree	Wood	1	0.08
Street, between	1302-40	Not identified			Bark	2	0.18
Punchbowl and Mililani Streets, Sample 7:	1302-41	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Наи	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	2	0.08
Feature 1, 128-136 cmbs, Stratum II	1302-42	cf. Coprosma sp.	Pilo	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	1	0.04
T-120A; Halekauwila Street, between	1302-43	Chenopodium oahuense	ʻĀheahea, ʻāweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	2	0.49
Punchbowl and Mililani Streets, Sample 8: Feature 2, 125-137 cmbs, Stratum II	1302-44	cf. Syzygium sp.	Mountain apple, roseapple, Java plum, 'ōhi'a ai	Native + Historic Introductions/T ree	Wood	4	0.78

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-120A, Sample 8: Feature 2, 125-137 cmbs, Stratum II (cont.)	1302-45	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nut- shell	2	0.35
	1302-46	Diospyros sandwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree	Wood	1	0.05
	1302-47	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions/			
	1302-48	cf. Psychotria sp.	Kōpiko	Native/Tree	Wood	1	0.15
	1302-49	cf. Dodonaea viscosa	'A'ali'i	Native/Shrub	Wood	2	0.56
T-120A; Halekauwila	1302-50	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	10	3.43
Street, between Punchbowl and Mililani Streets, Sample 9:	1302-51	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions/ Shrub-Tree	Wood	20	1.09
Feature 4, 128-132	1302-52	cf. Dodonaea viscosa	'A'ali'i	Native/Shrub	Wood	3	0.20
cmbs, Stratum II	1302-53	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	2	0.46
	1302-54	cf. Artocarpus altilis	Ulu	Polynesian Intro./ Tree	Wood	2	0.37
	1302-55	cf. Arecaceae	Palm		Peti- ole	5	0.26
	1302-56	cf. Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Intro./ Tree	Wood	6	0.40
	1302-57	cf. Arecaceae	Palm		Wood	1	0.08
	1302-58	Unknown 4			Wood	2	0.19
	1302-59	Not identified			cf. tuber	1	<0.01
	1302-60	Poaceae	Grass		Stolon	1	0.04
	1302-61	Unknown 3			Wood	10	0.39

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-124; Halekauwila	1228-32			Native/Tree	Wood		
Street, between Punchbowl and South Streets, Sample 4	1228-33	cf. Cordyline terminalis	$K\bar{\iota}$ , ti	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Stem	3	0.16
Feature 1, 138-144, Stratum IIa	1228-34	Chenopodium oahuensis	Āheahea, 'āweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	6	0.18
	1228-35				Wood		
	1228-36				Wood		
	1228-37	cf. Syzygjum sp.	Mountain apple, roseapple, Java plum, 'ōhi 'a 'ai	Native + Historic Introductions, Tree	Wood		
	1228-38				Wood		
	1228-39	Cocos nucifera	Niu, coconut	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Nutsh ell	1	0.04
	1228-40	Monocot			Stem		
	1228-41	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood		
T-124; Halekauwila	1228-42				Wood		
Street, between	1228-43	Monocot			Wood		
Punchbowl and South	1228-44				Wood		
Streets, Sample 5 Feature 2, 118-125, Stratum IIa	1228-45				Wood		

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-124, Sample 5 Feature 2, 118-125, Stratum IIa (cont.)	1228-46	cf. Syzygjum sp.	Mountain apple, roseapple, Java plum, 'ōhi 'a 'ai	Native + Historic Introductions, Tree	Wood		
	1228-47				Wood		
	1228-48	Not identified			Bark		
	1228-49				Wood		
	1228-50				Wood		
	1228-51	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Наи	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood		
	1228-52				Cf. tuber		
	1228-53	cf. Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	2	0.05
	1228-54	Chenopodium oahuensis	Āheahea, 'āweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	0.02
	1228-55	cf. Sida fallax	ʻIlima	Native/Shrub	Wood	3	0.05
	1228-56	Diospyros sandiwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree	Wood		
T-124; Halekauwila	1223-9	Diospyros sandiwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree	Wood	3	1.64
Street, between	1223-10	cf. Dodonaea viscosa	'A 'ali 'i	Native/Shrub	Wood	3	0.28
Punchbowl and South Streets, Feature 5, 140-	1223-11	Chenopodium oahuensis	Āheahea, 'āweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	0.10
163 cmbs, Stratum IIb	1223-12	cf. Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Wood	1	0.07
	1223-13	Unknown legume	-	-	Wood	1	0.02

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-124; Halekauwila	1223-6	Diospyros sandiwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree	Wood	1	0.12
Street, between	1223-7	cf. Pittosporum sp.	Hōʻawa	Native/Tree	Wood	7	2.15
Punchbowl and South	1223-8	Not identified	-	-	Cf.	1	0.48
Streets, Feature 11, 120-					corm		
132, Stratum IIb					?		
T-141; Halekauwila	1228-57				Wood		
Street, just south of	1228-58	Cf. Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian	Wood		
Keawe Street				Introduction/			
intersection Feature 6,	1228-59	Monocot			Stem		
75-95 cmbs, Stratum IIa							
T-142; Halekauwila	1228-60	Cocos nucifera	Niu,	Polynesian	Nut-	3	0.07
Street, just south of			coconut	Introduction/	shell		
Keawe Street				Tree			
intersection Feature 6,	1228-61	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian	Nut-	1	0.05
55-70 cmbs, Stratum IIa				Introduction/	shell		
	1228-62	cf. Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian	Wood		
				Introduction/			
	1228-62a	cf. Psychotria sp.	Kōpiko	Native /Tree	Wood		
	1228-63	Monocot					
T-145, Halekauwila	1228-64	?					
Street, between Keawe	1228-65				Wood		
and Coral Streets,	1228-66	Monocot					
Sample 8: Feature 1, 81-	1228-67	cf. Sida fallax	'Ilima	Native/Shrub	Wood	5	0.08
95 cmbs, 1228-64?	1228-68	Diospyros sandiwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree	Wood		
Stratum Ila							

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-145, Halekauwila	1228-69				Wood		
Street, between Keawe	1228-70				Wood		
and Coral Streets,	1228-71	Monocot					
Sample 9: Feature 2, 95- 110 cmbs, Stratum Ilb	1228-72	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Nut- shell		
	1228-73	cf. Conifir	Pine, fir	Historic Introduction/ Tree	Wood		
T-146A; Halekauwila Street, between Coral and Cooke Streets	1302-62	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nut- shell	2	0.33
Sample 10: Feature 2, 75-90, Stratum IIa	1302-63	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Наи	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	5	0.15
	1302-64	Cocos nucifera	Niu, coconut	Native/Tree	Nut- shell	2	0.14
	1302-65, 67	cf. Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	2	0.02
	1302-66	cf. Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Wood	3	0.03
	1302-68	Unknown 5			Wood	2	0.03
	1302-69	cf. Dodonaea viscosa	'A'ali'i	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	<0.01

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-146A; Halekauwila	1302-70	Unknown 6			Wood	2	0.17
Street, between Coral and Cooke Streets Sample 11: Feature 3,	1302-71	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions/ Shrub-Tree	Wood	3	0.22
83-94 cmbs, Stratum IIa	1302-72	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Nut- shell	2	0.08
	1302-73	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	2	0.04
	1302-74	Unknown 7			Wood	1	< 0.01
	1302-75	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Наи	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	1	<0.01
T-146A; Halekauwila Street, between Coral	1302-76	Cocos nucifera	Niu, coconut	Native/Tree	Nut- shell	1	<0.01
and Cooke Streets Sample 12: Feature 4, 85-95 cmbs, Stratum IIa	1302-77	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	1	<0.01
T-146A; Halekauwila Street, between Coral and Cooke Streets,	1302-78	cf. Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Wood	2	0.19
Sample 13 Feature 5, 81-92 cmbs, Stratum IIa	1302-79	Not identified			cf. Pith	1	0.04
	1302-80	Not identified			Bark	2	0.04
	1302-81	cf. Coprosma sp.	Pilo	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	1	<0.01
	1302-82	Unknown 7				3	0.18

WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
1228-74	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Nut- shell		
1228-75				Wood		
1228-76				Wood		
1228-77	Not identified			cf. Bark		
1228-78				Wood		
1228-79						
1228-80	cf. Sida fallax	ʻIlima	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	0.05
1228-81	Monoct					
1228-82	Chenopodium oahuensis	Āheahea, 'āweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	0.01
1228-83	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Nut- shell	2	0.07
1228-84				Stem		
1228-85				Wood		
1228-86	cf. Bidens sp.	Koʻokoʻola u	Native+ Historic Introductions/S hrub	Wood	6	0.06
1228-87				Wood		
1228-88	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Intro./ Tree	Nut- shell	2	<0.01
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Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T -167, Ross Dress for	1228-90				Wood		
Less Parking lot on	1228-91				Wood		
Ward Avenue, Sample	1228-92				Wood		
13: Feature 3, 145-148	1228-93				Wood		
cmbs, Stratum IIa	1228-94				Wood		
	1228-95	cf. Conifer	Pine, fir	Historic Introduction/ Tree	Wood		
T -168B, Ross Dress for Less Parking lot on	1228-96	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood		
Ward Avenue, Sample 14: Feature 1, 160-165 cmbs, Stratum II	1228-97	cf. Conifer	Pine, fir	Historic Introduction/ Tree	Wood		
T-189; Kona and	1302-83	Unknown 8			Wood	1	0.04
Pensacola Street intersection, warehouse	1302-84	cf. Rauvolfia sandwicensis	Нао	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	1	0.03
lot Sample 14: 155-165	1302-85	Not identified			Bark	1	< 0.01
cmbs,	1302-86	cf. Temperate hardwood			Wood	2	0.01
Stratum IIIa	1302-87	cf. Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Wood	1	<0.01
	1302-88	cf. Arecaceae	Palm		Wood	2	< 0.01
	1302-89	cf. Dodonaea viscosa	'A'ali'i	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	<0.01

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-226A; Punchbowl Street, <i>mauka</i> of intersection with Ala	1302-90	Conifer	Pine, fir, etc.	Historic Introduction/Tr ee	Wood	1	0.22
Moana Boulevard	1302-91	Not identified			Bark	2	0.48
Sample 15: 60-97 cmbs,	1302-92	Diospyros sandwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree	Wood	1	0.08
Stratum IIa	1302-93	cf. Dodonaea viscosa	'A'ali'i	Native/Shrub	Wood	15	0.67
	1302-94	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Intro./Tree	Nutsh ell	14	1.19
	1302-95	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Наи	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	4	0.29
	1302-96	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	3	0.17
	1302-97	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions/ Shrub-Tree	Wood	3	0.13
	1302-98	cf. Sida fallax	ʻIlima	Native/Shrub	Wood	6	0.35
	1302-99	Unknown 8			Wood	2	0.15
	1302-100	cf. Temperate hardwood			Wood	3	0.10
	1302-101	cf. Myoporum sandwicensis	Naio	Native/Tree	Wood		0.12
	1302-102	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	6	0.33
	1302-103	Cocos nucifera	Niu, coconut	Polynesian Intro./Tree	Nutsh ell	1	0.15
	1302-104	cf. Syzygium sp.	Mountain apple, roseapple, Java plum, 'ōhi'a ai	Native + Historic Introductions/T ree	Wood	1	0.06

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-226A; Punchbowl	1302-114	Cf. Temperate hardwood			Wood	5	0.24
Street, <i>mauka</i> of intersection with Ala Moana Boulevard	1302-115	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions/ Shrub-Tree	Wood	2	0.05
Sample 16: Feature 1,	1302-116	cf. Sida fallax	ʻIlima	Native/Shrub	Wood	24	0.68
98-103 cmbs, Stratum	1302-117	cf. Psychotria sp.	Kōpiko	Native/Tree	Wood	3	0.15
IIa	1302-118	Unknown 9			Wood	2	0.05
	1302-119	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	6	0.14
	1302-120	cf. Lagenaria siceraria	Іри	Polynesian Introduction/Vi ne	Fruit rind	1	0.04
	1302-121	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Наи	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	1	0.02
	1302-122	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nutsh ell	6	0.28
	1302-123	Unknown 8			Wood	2	0.02
	1302-124	Chenopodium oahuense	ʻĀheahea, ʻāweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	<0.01
	1302-125	Pandanus tectorus	Hala	Native/Tree	Fruit key	1	0.02
	1302-126	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	6	0.11

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-226A; Punchbowl Street, <i>mauka</i> of intersection with Ala	1302-105	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nutsh ell	14	0.43
Moana Boulevard Sample 17: Feature 2, 82-88 cmbs, Stratum IIa	1302-106	Cocos nucifera	Niu, coconut	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nutsh ell	4	0.12
	1302-107	Not identified			Bark	4	0.06
	1302-108	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	6	0.10
	1302-109	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Наи	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	3	0.04
	1302-110	cf. Artocarpus altilis	Ulu	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Wood	1	0.02
	1302-111	Styphelia tameiameaie	Pūkiawe	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	0.02
	1302-112	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	0.01
	1302-113	Conifer	Pine, fir, etc.	Historic Introduction/Tr ee	Wood	2	0.01
T-226A; Punchbowl	1302-127	cf. Psychotria sp.	Kōpiko	Native/Tree	Wood	4	0.29
Street, <i>mauka</i> of intersection with Ala Moana Boulevard	1302-128	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nutsh ell	113	5.69
Sample 18: Feature 3, 87-102 cmbs, Stratum IIa	1302-129	cf. Cordyline terminalis	$K\bar{\imath}$ , ti	Polynesian Introduction/Sh rub	Stem	8	0.51
	1302-130	cf. Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	30	1.24

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T-226A; Sample 18: Feature 3, 87-102 cmbs,	1302- 131, 143	cf. Temperate hardwood.			Wood	2	0.18
Stratum IIa (cont.)	1302-132	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	2	0.08
	1302-133	Chenopodium oahuense	ʻĀheahea, ʻāweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	5	0.06
	1302-134	cf. Artocarpus altilis	Ulu	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Wood	2	0.04
	1302-135	cf. Osteomeles anthyllidifolia	'Ūlei	Native/Shrub	Wood	3	0.04
	1302-136	cf. Sida fallax	ʻIlima	Native/Shrub	Wood	7	0.19
	1302-137	Not identified			cf. tuber	2	0.04
	1302-138	Diospyros sandwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree	Wood	2	0.04
	1302-139	Not identified			Bark	12	0.29
	1302-140	Poaceae	Grass		Stem	1	0.03
	1302-141	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions	Wood	6	0.14
	1302-142	cf. Lagenaria siceraria	Іри	Polynesian Introduction/Vi ne	Fruit rind	1	0.03
	1302-144	Unknown 8			Wood	3	0.05
	1302-145	Unknown 10			Wood	4	0.04

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T226B; Punchbowl Street, at intersection	1304-1	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	1	0.13
with Ala Moana Boulevard Sample 1:	1304-2	Chenopodium oahuense	ʻĀheahea, ʻāweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	4	0.09
Feature 1, 81-87 cmbs, Stratum II	1304-3	cf. Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Wood	9	0.14
	1304-4	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nutsh ell	7	0.37
	1304-5	Unknown 1			Wood	1	0.09
	1304-6	cf. Artocarpus altilis	Ulu	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Wood	2	0.05
	1304-7	cf. Coprosma sp.	Pilo	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	1	<0.01
	1304-8	Unknown 2			Twigs	15	0.26
T226B; Punchbowl	1304-9	Unknown 3			Wood	2	0.02
Street, at intersection	1304-10	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	3	0.05
with Ala Moana Boulevard Sample 2:	1304-11	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions	Wood	1	0.02
Feature 2, 80-90 cmbs, Stratum II	1304-12	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Nut- shell	2	0.05

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T226B; Punchbowl Street, at intersection	1304-13	Hibiscus tiliaceus	Наи	Native/Shrub- Tree	Wood	2	0.26
with Ala Moana Boulevard Sample 3:	1304-14	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	1	0.06
Feature 3, 82-93 cmbs, Stratum II	1304-15	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nutsh ell	9	0.26
	1304-16	Poaceae	Grass		Cf. stolon	2	0.10
	1304-17	Cocos nucifera	Niu, coconut	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nutsh ell	3	0.06
	1304-18	cf. Cordyline terminalis	$K\bar{\imath}$ , ti	Polynesian Introduction/Sh rub	Wood	3	0.05
	1304-19	Unknown 2			Stem	2	0.03
	1304-20	cf. Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Wood	1	0.03
T226B; Punchbowl Street, at intersection with Ala Moana	1304-21	Cocos nucifera	Niu, coconut	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nutsh ell	4	0.18
Boulevard Sample 4: Feature 4, 80-95 cmbs, Stratum II	1304-22	Unknown 4			Wood	1	0.04

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian Name	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
T226B; Punchbowl	1304-23	Unknown 1			Wood	1	0.09
Street, at intersection with Ala Moana Boulevard Sample 5:	1304-24	Cocos nucifera	Niu, coconut	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nut- shell	1	0.06
Feature 5, 76-90 cmbs,	1304-25	Chamaesyce sp.	Akoko	Native/Shrub	Wood	4	0.12
Stratum II	1304-26	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions	Wood	5	0.11
	1304-27	Unknown 2			Wood	2	0.03
	1304-28	cf. Sida fallax	ʻIlima	Native/Shrub	Wood	1	< 0.01
	1304-29	Chenopodium oahuense	ʻĀheahea, ʻāweoweo	Native/Shrub	Wood	2	0.02
	1304-30	cf. Cordyline terminalis	$K\bar{\imath}$ , ti	Polynesian Introduction/Sh rub	Wood	2	<0.01
	1304-31	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/Tr ee	Nut- shell	2	<0.01
	1304-32	Diospyros sandiwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree	Wood	1	< 0.01
	1304-33	Not identified			Cf. Tuber	1	<0.01
T226B; Punchbowl	1304-34	Unknown 5			Wood	1	< 0.01
Street, at intersection	1304-35	Unknown 6			Wood	1	< 0.01
with Ala Moana Boulevard Sample 6: Feature 6, 76-85 cmbs, Stratum II	1304-36	Monocotyledonae			Stem	2	<0.01

Provenience	WIDL No.	Taxa	Common/ Hawaiian	Origin/Habit	Part	Count	Weight g
	100105	27 11 10 1	Name				0.01
T226B; Punchbowl	1304-37	Not identified			Bark	1	< 0.01
Street, at intersection	1304-38	Unknown 4			Wood	2	0.05
with Ala Moana Boulevard Sample 7:	1304-39	cf. Metrosideros polymorpha	ʻŌhiʻa lehua	Native/Tree	Wood	6	0.08
Feature 7, 175-187 cmbs, Stratum II	1304-40	cf. Sida fallax	ʻIlima	Native/Shrub	Wood	4	0.04
T226B; Punchbowl	1304-41	Unknown 2			Wood	4	0.06
Street, at intersection with Ala Moana	1304-42	cf. Senna sp.	Kolomona	Native+Historic Introductions	Wood	2	0.03
Boulevard Sample 8: Feature 8, 78-94 cmbs, Stratum II	1304-43	Cocos nucifera	Niu, coconut	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Nut- shell	4	0.15
	1304-44	Not identified			Bark	1	0.03
	1304-45	cf. Sida fallax	ʻIlima	Native/Shrub	Wood	3	0.06
	1304-46	Aleurites moluccana	Kukui	Polynesian Introduction/ Tree	Nut- shell	1	0.03
T-227A; Punchbowl	1302-146	cf. Psychotria sp.	Kōpiko	Native/Tree	Wood	3	0.07
Street, near intersection	1302-147	Diospyros sandwicensis	Lama	Native/Tree	Wood	1	< 0.01
with Pohukaina Street, Sample 19: Feature 2, 108-131 cmbs, Stratum IIa	1302-148	Not identified			Bark	1	<0.01

# 7.5 Taxa Identified by Botanical Family

#### **AGAVACEAE**

Cordyline fruticosa (L.) A. Chev. (Kī, ti)

This Polynesian introduction is a shrub cultivated in mesic valleys and forests of all the main Hawaiian Islands except Kahoʻolawe. The leaves, arranged in a close spiral at the tips of the stems, were used for house thatch, food wrappers, raincoats, and sandals (Wagner et al. 1990:1348-1349). The swollen fleshy roots were baked for food or, in the post-Contact period, used to produce an alcoholic beverage (Neal 1965:203).

#### **APOCYNACEAE**

Rauvolfia sandwicensis A. DC (Hao)

This endemic species is a tree or shrub, 3 to 10 m tall, found primarily in mesic forests but also in dry forest or dry shrub land and on lava flows, on all the main .awaiian Islands except Kahoʻolawe at 100- to 800-m elevations (Wagner et al. 1990: 220).

#### ARECACEAE

Cocos nucifera L. (Niu, coconut)

This Polynesian introduction is a palm that grows up to 30 m tall and is widely cultivated today. Coconut appears to be sparingly naturalized in coastal areas where it is thought to have been originally cultivated. All parts of the plant were used by the Hawaiians. Among the many uses are: house posts, drums, and food containers from the trunk; baskets, thatching, brooms, *kukui* nut lamp supports from parts of the leaves; rope from the husk; utensils for eating or drinking from the shell; and the flesh and water of the fruit were eaten (Wagner et al. 1990:1362-1363).

Pritchardia sp.

The *loulu* or fan palms include 19 taxa endemic to the Hawaiian Islands. With two species known from O'ahu (*P. kaalae*, *P. martii*) (Wagner et al. 1990:1364-1375). Pollen studies indicate these palms were formerly very abundant on O'ahu.

## **CHENOPODIACEAE**

Chenopodium oahuense (Meyen) Aellen ('Āheahea, 'āweoweo)

This endemic species is usually a shrub in the coastal lowlands but may become arborescent at higher elevations (Hillebrand 1888:380). Its known distribution in the main Hawaiian Islands includes coastal, dry forest, and subalpine shrubland at 0 to 2,520 meters elevation (Wagner et al. 1990:538). The soft wood was probably not used by the ancient Hawaiians but the leaves were cooked and eaten as greens (Hillebrand 1888:380; Malo 1951:23).

#### **CUCURBITACEAE**

Lagenaria siceraria (Molina) Standi. (Ipu)

The fruit of this annual spreading vine, a native of tropical Asia or Africa, was brought to the Hawaiian Islands by the early Hawaiian settlers (Neal 1965:810). Smaller gourds were used as receptacles for food or water and rattles for dances, while larger gourds served as drums or places to hold *kapa* bark cloth or other articles (Pukui and Elbert 1986: I 03).

#### **EBENACEAE**

Diospyros sandwicensis (A. DC) Fosb. (Lama)

This small endemic tree, 2 to 10 m tall, is found in wet or dry regions of all the main Hawaiian Islands (Rock 1913:395; Wagner et al. 1990:587). Its hard wood was once used by Hawaiians for houses, enclosures for certain idols (Malo 1951:21), and chisel handles (Buck 1957:38). Hillebrand (1888:275) reported that the small fruits were eaten by the natives.

#### **EPACRIDACEAE**

*Styphelia tameiameaie* (*Pūkiawe*)

This trailing shrub often forms a principal component of vegetation in mesic forests, 15-3230 m (Wagner et al. 1990:590-591). "When a high-ranking chief wanted to mingle with commoners, he would enter a smoke house and be smudged with smoke of  $p\bar{u}kiawe$  wood while a priest chanted a prayer for dispensation. The plant is often used in lei." (Wagner et al. 1990:591).

#### **EUPHORBIACEAE**

Aleurites moluccana (L.) Willd. (Kukui)

Once cultivated, this Polynesian introduction has escaped into the native forest, where the pale foliage of the 10 to 20 m trees (Wagner et al. 1990:598) can be seen in abundance in moist gulches and valleys. Dyes were once extracted from the bark and roots (Buck 1957:187), the oily kernel was burned for light (Buck 1957:107) or eaten as a relish after baking (Buck 1957:48), and net floats and dugout canoes were made from the soft wood (Buck 1957:297).

Chamaecyse spp. ('Akoko)

The distribution of the 15 endemic shrubs and small trees in this genus range from coastal environments to upper forest zones on the main Hawaiian Islands. Nine of these native species are found on Oʻahu.(Wagner et al. 1990:602-617; Rock 1913:243-262). 'Akoko was once valued for firewood by the Hawaiians (Hillebrand 1888:396). In the post-Contact period, the milky sap was once considered a possible source for rubber (Rock 1913:261).

#### **FABACEAE**

Senna sp.

One native shrub, *Senna gaudichaudii* (*kolomona*), and six naturalized species of *Senna* can be found on O'ahu. The indigenous shrub *S. gaudichaudii* has been recorded primarily from leeward sites, but also rocky coastal sites, disturbed *hala* (*Pandanus*) forest, dry forest, and occasionally lower parts of the mesic forest (Wagner et al. 1990:698-702).

#### **MALVACEAE**

Hibiscus tiliaceus L. (Hau)

This indigenous plant is described by Handy and Handy (1972:232-233) as a "large leaved shrublike tree," which was planted near houses and gardens. The straight-stemmed variety was planted for bast fibers from which cords, ropes, and coarse *kapa* cloth were made. Its soft wood was used to make canoe outriggers, fishnet floats, and fire by rubbing a harder wood against it. The creeping variety was used for windbreaks. This species occurs primarily along coasts, streams, and other wet areas up to 1,220 m in elevation (Wagner et al. 1990:888).

Sida fallax Walp. ('Ilima)

This indigenous shrub was planted in the past, as it is today, near houses to provide flowers for *lei* making (Neal 1965:553). It has been found along coasts, on open lava fields, and in dry to mesic forests on all of the main Hawaiian Islands (Wagner et al. 1990:898). The entire plant had many uses for the native Hawaiians. The erect stems were tied to the frame of the sleeping house upon which *pili* grass (*Heteropogon contortus*) was lashed. Whole '*ilima* bushes tied together were also used to secure mounds of taro plantings in swampy areas. The prostrate coastal '*ilima* was used as floor coverings under mats (Handy and Handy 1972:228). The roots and flowers were used medicinally (Neal 1965:553).

#### **MYOPORACEAE**

Myoporum sandwicense A. Gray (Naio)

The habit of this indigenous tree ranges from a shrub 1 m tall in coastal areas to a 15 m tall tree at higher elevation. Its elevational distribution has been documented as 0 to 2,380 m on all the main Hawaiian Islands except Kahoʻolawe (Wagner et al. 1990:928-929). The fragrant wood was once used by Hawaiians for house posts (Buck 1957:83) and was harvested during the sandalwood trade with China when the supply of native sandalwood became low (Rock 1913:429).

#### **MORACEAE**

Artocarpus communis Forst. ('Ulu)

This Polynesian introduction was a staple in the Society Islands. The fruit can be backed or boiled or mashed into a paste that cen be preserved for long periods. The light wood was used for canoes andf the bark could be used as a source for kapa. The sap was used for caulking canoes, as a lime for catching birds, and as a chewing gum (Neal 1965:303).

#### **MYRTACEAE**

Metrosideros polymorpha Gaud. ('Ōhi'a lehua)

This endemic species ranges in habit from prostrate shrubs to tall trees and in distribution from sea level to 2,200-m elevation in many ecological situations (Wagner et al. 1990:967). The hard wood was used for making spears and mallets, idols, posts .and rafters for houses, and enclosures around temples (Buck 1957:87; Malo 1951:20; Neal 1965:638).

Syzygium sp.

Four species of these trees may be found on O'ahu. Two species,  $Syzygium \ cumini$  (Java plum) and  $S.\ jambos$  (rose apple), have naturalized in the mesic forests after their introduction prior to 1871 and in 1825, respectively. The Polynesian introduction  $S.\ malaccense$  (mountain apple, ' $\bar{o}hi'a'$  'ai) may be found in low mesic to wet forests while the native  $S.\ sandwicensis$  (' $\bar{o}hi'a\ h\bar{a}$ ) seems to be restricted to ridges and slopes on Kaua'i, O'ahu, Moloka'i, Lāna'i and Maui (Wagner et al. 1990:975-976).

Syzygium malaccense (L.) Merr. & Perry ('Ōhi'a 'ai, mountain apple)

This tree is believed to have been introduced into Hawai'i by the early Polynesian settlers. The 8 to 25 m tall trees can be found naturalized in low mesic to wet forests (Wagner et al. 1990:975-976). The trunks from these trees were once used for posts, house rafters, and temple enclosures; idols were also carved from the wood. The fruit was eaten and the bark, flowers and leaves were used medicinally (Rock 1913:323). A dye for clothing was extracted from the bark (Buck 1957: 187).

#### **PITTOSPORACEAE**

Pittosporum sp. (Hō'awa)

The three species of *Pittosporum* which occur on O'ahu are small trees. *P. confertiflorum* is found in dry to wet forests, *P. flocculosum* occurs on ridges and wet forests, and *P. glabrum* inhabits the mesic to wet forests (Wagner et al. 1990:1040-1044).

#### PTERIDOPHYTA

Several genera of native ferns form large erect stems (caudex). The inner portion of the caudex is composed of a starchy pith, which was eaten after cooking by humans or eaten raw by pigs. The fine golden hairs of *Cibotium* (hapu 'u) caudex apex were used as a dressing for wounds and to embalm the dead (Neal 1965: I 0).

#### ROSACEAE

Osteomeles anthyllidifolia Lindl. ('Ūlei)

This indigenous plant can often be found sprawling among the rocks along the coasts but may become an erect shrub up to 3 m tall in other environments. *Osteomeles* is found on all the main islands except Ni'ihau and Kaho'olawe and ranges in distribution from sea level to 2300 m in elevation (Wagner et al. 1990:1104-1105). In the past, the hard wood was used to make digging sticks ( $\dot{o}$   $\dot{o}$ , fishing spears, carrying poles ( $\dot{a}$  auamo), and a musical bow ( $\dot{a}$   $\dot{a}$   $\dot{a}$  (Buck 1957:12, 357, 14, 388). The flexible smaller branches were bent into hoops for fishnets (Neal 1965:387).

#### **RUBIACEAE**

Bobea sandwicensis (A. Gray) Hillebr. ('Ahakea)

These endemic trees are up to 10 m tall and have been documented from the Wai'anae Mountains and southern Ko'olau Mountains on O'ahu, and on Moloka'i, Lāna'i. and Maui in dry

to mesic forest and on open lava flows (Wagner et al. 1990:1117-1118). 'Ahakea wood was formerly used for canoe rims (Pukui and Elbert 1986:6) and poi boards (Malo 1951:20).

Coprosma (Pilo)

These include 13 endemic Hawaiian species of shrubs and trees, of which at least three species (*C. foliosa*, *C. longifolia*, *C. ochracea*) are reported from O'ahu, occurring in mesic to wet forests (Wagner et al. 1990:1121-1131)

Psychotria sp. (Kōpiko)

This large genus is distributed over tropical regions of both the New and Old Worlds. The 11 species of *Psychotria* in Hawai'i are small to medium sized endemic trees that are found in the mesic to wet forests (Wagner et al. 1990: 1160-1170). Five species are known from O'ahu. *Kōpiko* wood was previously used as firewood and to make *kapa* logs (Malo 1951:21).

#### **SAPINDACEAE**

Dodonaea viscosa Jacq. ('A'ali'i)

These indigenous shrubs or small trees are 2 to 8 m tall and range in distribution from coastal dunes to dry, mesic, and wet forest, at 3 to 2,350 m elevations on all of the main Hawaiian Islands except Kahoʻolawe (Wagner et al. 1990:1227-1228). The red papery fruit capsule clusters and leaves of some varieties were made into *lei* (Pukui and Elbert 1986:3).

#### THYMELAEACEAE

Wikstroemia species

These 12 species of Hawaiian shrubs and small trees are found in a wide variety of environments. "Species of Wikstromia have furnished one of the strongest Hawaiian fibers, used in making ropes and braids" and was also used for kapa, for stupefying fish, and as a poison for executing criminals (Wagner et al. 1990:1283).